



THE KNIGHT FLYER



Jul – Aug - Sep

2015

June Picnic Kick Starts 2015 Season

Summer picnics have always been a part of the Flying Knights club activities.

Over the years, many approaches have been made to bring these about.

Some years an attempt was made to focus only on the family and remove the flying component. At one time even the beach at Evangola was tried.

For a while there were no picnics at all.

However, for the last few years the current formula seems to be doing well.

Each month during the summer a Sunday picnic is scheduled at each of our flying fields. Shelters and facilities have been provided at each field to make the venue as comfortable as possible. Some of these projects are still being worked on.



High winds greeted June Flyers

Most of the picnics are well attended.

A persistent problem that we have is finding volunteers to take charge of the grill work and shepherding the food, which is provided by the club.

The same individuals always seem to step up, but it would be a good thing if these tasks were spread more widely through the club.

Our club has some eighty members, but less than a dozen are consistently at the forefront of these activities.

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Enjoying conversation while waiting out wind.

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For the picnic, this task is relatively light. It just involves assuring that there are plates and utensils, (provided by the club), and that the food, (usually hot dogs provided by the club), are purchased and prepared.

For a two man team, this activity is a snap. If enough folks were to take an interest, they would only have to do it once every couple of years.

Of course the weather is always a factor as it was this June, when a brisk breeze kept many of the planes grounded.



Greg Stromeki cooks up the dogs

In spite of that, there was a good crowd of folks enjoying the event.

Probably, suppertime could not have come soon enough.

Our two man team had plenty of hot dogs ready to go and everyone grabbed a plate.

Plenty of "dishes to pass" rounded out the fare.

During the evening, the wind died down and all those who brought planes were happy to get into the air.

Our next picnic is planned for the new Emerling field.



When the planes are grounded...

National Aviation Day Venue Changed

Our club usually holds the Model Aviation day Fun-fly event, about a week or two after the Scale Rally.

This is really too close for these two events.

The rally is an intense team effort and it is a lot to expect everyone to immediately re-organize and hold this second event so soon.

The event has been extremely successful in helping the Wounded Warriors with a substantial contribution.



National Aviation Day of 2014

Last year, the club donated \$700 to the cause. The A.M.A. collected in total over \$70,000 nationwide.

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Attention, all new members!!!

Flight Training— Flying Lessons.

Billy Hauth will be at the Emerling Road Field on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer, (weather permitting).

5 Pm until dusk. Check with Bill, re; his phone system for cancellations.

This is a good opportunity to get some serious stick time.

Instructor List for 2014

At the Nike Base:

John Newman — 824 - 5744

Bill Eberhardt — 627 - 3486

Jim Devlin — 627 - 7221

At North Collins:

Chuck Caruana: — 337 - 0144

George Fox — 648 - 0667

Call to make arrangements for all persons involved.

Snow Sacks the Shelter

The winter of 2015 did quite a number on the shelter at the North Collins Field.

One or two of the roof posts were raised by the frost and a similar number were depressed by the weight of the great November Storm.

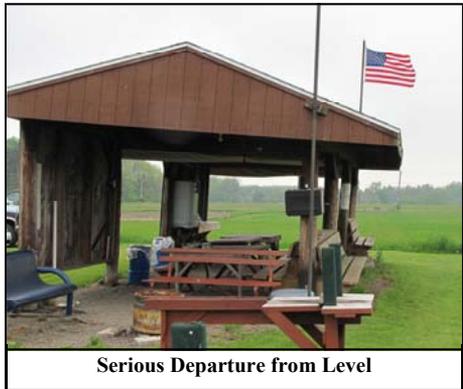
Naturally, it wasn't the same posts that were affected, cancelling each other out.

This caused quite a twist in the roof of the shelter.

The problem now; is how to correct the damage without disruption and in the least expensive way possible. A further consideration would be to repair the damage in such a way that it would never happen again.

Ditto, for another lengthy deep freeze. The last freeze of that length and depth was in 1934, some eighty years ago.

The chances of another November storm are probably pretty slim, perhaps once in hundred years, but like the proverbial coin toss, it could be next year.



Serious Departure from Level

And the chance that both major events would occur again in the same year are astronomically small.

Considering the odds, one would think that simply restoring the shelter to its former condition should be sufficient.

Sometimes, it's better to dismantle everything and basically start from scratch. This requires a lot of work.

It may be possible to actually lift the affected posts, so that all are even, but this is by no means easy.

One would have to fill the void so that the weight of the roof would not simply sink again.

Summer Stuff

Dates to keep in mind for summer fun!

38th Stars Rally

July 11, 12 2015

Olean Airport, Ischua, NY

Sat. 10 AM-5PM—Sun. 10AM-3PM

No pilot/camping fees

Sat. Wine & Cheese Social



NEAT Electric MEET
2015

Aug. 18, 19, 20

Northhampton Park

Near Brockport

Warbirds over the Bay

Burlington

Ontario

2015 theme: 75th Anniversary of
the *Battle of Britain*.

Sat-Sun July 25-26

Burlington

Radio Control Modelers

Knight's Scale Rally

Sat. & Sun.

Aug. 1 & 2

Nike Base

Hamburg, NY

Sky Rovers

Sat-Sun Jul 25, 26 2015

10 AM—4:00 PM

Ford Field, Phelps, NY

No entry /parking fee

Campers welcome, no hookups

Food available

Flying Dutchmen

46th Annual Scale Rally

Sat.-Sun. Sept 12, 13

Kitchner, Ont

(near St. Jacobs)

\$7/day, kids<12, \$1

No charge for pilots or campers

Geneseo Air Show

Full Scale

Old Planes & Warbirds

Fri., Sat., Sun.

July 10, 11 and 12

Geneseo, NY

Chiefs

Float Fly

Sat. Sun. July 18,19

Honeoye, NY.

Knight's Club Picnics

July 19

Ray's Place

Aug. 9

NC Field

Sept. 13

NC Field

District II Fun-Fly

Celebrate

National Aviation Day

Benefits Disabled Veterans

Aug. 15 & 16th.

Presented by

Canandaigua Sky Chiefs

RCCR of Rochester

Gehan Rd., Canandaigua, NY

Landing fee, \$10

Food— parking— camping

Thunder of Niagara

Wing & Rotor RC Club

Sat-Sun, July 18, 19

Southern Tier Float Fly

Sept. 19, 20th

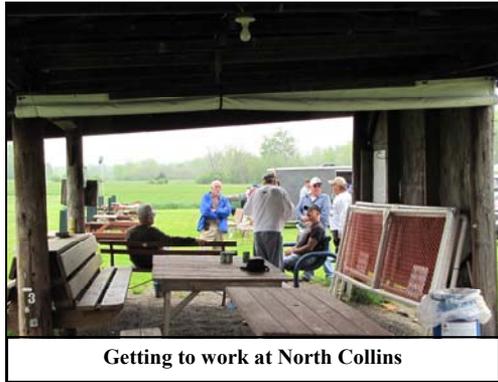
Hornell, NY

Field Clean-ups

Field clean-up at North Collins took place on May 16th. Activity had already begun in early May due to the relatively nice weather.

The field had already been mowed several times and was in fantastic shape.

However, the November storm and the unusually cold winter season had taken a toll on the shelter.



Getting to work at North Collins



Aircraft Icon at Emerling

That being said, the flight stations were put in place and everyone enjoyed flying during the afternoon.

The following week it was the turn of the Emerling field.

It was a cool day, but somewhat more than a half dozen members showed up to help spruce up the field and set up the seasonal fixtures.

A few stones had popped up during the winter and were raked up.

Several feet of snow atop the shelter had unevenly pressed down on the roof and it now had a distinct warp.

The posts had originally been set to a depth for a normal freeze in our area, but 2015 was too much.

A project now for the club is to come up with a way to level the structure without too much disruption or cost.

Of course, plenty of ideas abound.



Meeting to plan cleanup

July Picnic at Ray's Field

The July picnic will be held on **Sunday, July 19th** at Ray Barron's place high in the hills.

Bring your plane and fly at the famous cornfield.

If you do plan to attend this

picnic, **please call or email Ray.**

He needs to know how many will attend so that he can order the food.

Let him know what you will be bringing for a dish to pass.

His phone is **699-4716** and email is: **rgbash@hughes.net**

After Meeting Class

In our part of the world, there is little flying during the winter months. It's a time for building and learning.

There are many new terms and procedures to learn, especially in the specialized field of electric flight. A few members of our club have already mastered these new areas and are eager to share what they have learned.



We are fortunate to have Bill Hauth who volunteers to provide classes in different aspects of these new topics.

His 'after meeting' classes are well attended and everyone has benefited from his expertise.

If we can't go out and actually fly in the winter, at least we can gain some well needed knowledge that will help us when summer returns..

Flyer's 2015 List posted at Nike Field

Each year a "field roster" is posted at the Nike Base field. It is mounted in the shelter.

Over the past few years people who did not belong to any local club precipitated several safety violations that threatened the loss of this field.

Anyone who flies at this field **must** have a valid A.M.A. card and thus be insured.

The 2015 list is now posted.

All members of the Flying Knight's and the RC Aircrafters have permission to fly at the Nike Field.

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Due to the proximity of the two events, our club has decided to forgo doing the NAD this year and instead, participate in the same event being hosted by the RCCR and the Canandaigua Sky Chiefs.

These two clubs located in the Southern tier will present the AMA District II Fly-In on August 15th and 16th.

This will be two weeks after our scale Rally. All of our members are encouraged to take a plane. and

spend the day with all of our fellow modeler's.

All types of planes are welcome.

The Chief's field is located on Gehan Rd. (off 5 & 20) in Canandaigua, NY.

There will be a one time landing fee of \$10. Jr. pilots can fly for free.

Spectator donation is \$3 per vehicle. Food is available.

All proceeds from this event go to the Canandaigua VA medical Center to support disabled vets.

KNIGHT'S SWAP SHEET

If you have something for sale, or looking for that special something, put your request in "The Swap Sheet". Free to all club members.

3rd Q 2015

Schedule
Fri. 7/10, 7/24,
8/14, 9/11

St. James Church 7:30 PM
New members 6:30

Board Meeting
Tue. 7/7, 7/21,
8/11, 9/8

Major Tom's
Hamburg 7:30 PM

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